

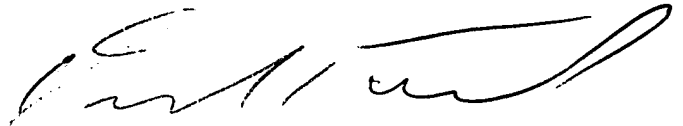
REMARKS

Responsive to the official Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed March 4, 2004, the claims as amended in the Amendment filed February 3, 2004, have been re-presented above with proper status identifiers. Namely, the claims previously identified as "previously amended" or "previously added" have now been identified as "previously presented", as called for by the revised amendment practice outlined under 37 C.F.R. 1.121. The present response is deemed not to introduce new matter. Claims 1, 7-9 and 32-33 remain in the application.

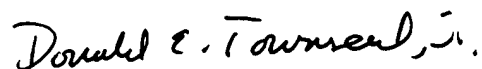
In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance, and early action and allowance thereof is accordingly respectfully requested. In the event there is any reason why the application cannot be allowed at the present time, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned at the number listed below to resolve any problems.

Respectfully submitted,

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